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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
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Serial No.: 09/779,683

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For: ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTING  
FUEL CELL COMPONENT WITH  
DIRECTLY BONDED LAYERS AND  
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1741

Examiner: M. Wills

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 3, 2003**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months, to and including June 3, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 3, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$410.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0224.NPUS00 for REC. Should any additional fees be required for any reason

relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from  
Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0224.NPUS00.

Respectfully submitted,



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